

EXECUTIVE ORDER

No. 78 - 2

GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL ON
CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES

WHEREAS, the children of the State of Arizona are our most valuable resource; and

WHEREAS, children and their families are an essential and integral part of our community structure and growth; and

WHEREAS, there are presently many public and private programs in existence to assist the family unit in providing better opportunities for its children; and

WHEREAS, there is a need to eliminate gaps and duplications in available services and programs; and

WHEREAS, there is an increasing need to provide for the coordination and enhancement of services now being provided by various governmental agencies;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bruce Babbitt, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby create the Governor's Council on Children, Youth and Families and delineate herein its structure and duties.

1. The council shall consist of twenty-one members appointed by the Governor and shall meet at least once each calendar quarter. The term of office for members shall be two years. The Governor shall select members to include:

- a. Representatives of state agencies concerned with child and family services.
- b. Professional, civic or other public or private organizations experienced in child and family service programs.
- c. Private citizens and parents interested in child and family services.

2. The council shall:

- a. Utilize staff and resources within the Department of Economic Security or within other departments of state government as designated by the Governor.
- b. Except as hereafter may be provided by the Governor, the state Department of Economic Security shall serve as the administrative agent for the council.

3. The council shall:

- a. Assist and advise the Governor in all matters relating to services to children and their families.
- b. Develop and maintain information regarding the need for services to children and their families.
- c. Establish short-term and long-term plans and goals for meeting the need for services to children and their families.
- d. Advise departments, agencies and institutions of the state on programmatic needs and coordination of program activities.
- e. Organize community efforts on a statewide level around major child and family issues of statewide concern.

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- f. Facilitate the establishment of local advisory councils for child and family services in areas or districts where requested.
 - g. Make available timely information to all local advisory councils to allow such councils to take full advantage of all appropriate services, funds and public meetings.
 - h. Facilitate the coordination of federal, state and local policies and programs concerning services to children and their families.
 - i. Serve as an information point for children and their families to assist children, their parents or guardians in obtaining needed services provided by this state.
 - j. Recommend priorities for child and family services to the Governor and the state Department of Economic Security.
 - k. Prepare and submit a report each January to the Governor and the state Department of Economic Security on the activities undertaken by the council.
4. All persons serving as members of the community coordinated child care committee shall be the first members of the Governor's Council on Children, Youth and Families until the expiration of the terms to which they were appointed to the community coordinated child care committee.
5. This order shall become effective immediately.

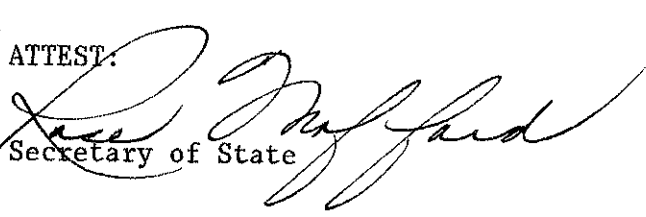
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set
my hand and caused to be affixed the
Great Seal of the State of Arizona.



G O V E R N O R

DONE at the Capitol in Phoenix this
nineteenth day of July in the Year of
Our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and
Seventy-eight and of the Independence of
the United States the Two Hundred and
Third.

ATTEST:



Secretary of State